Maintenance of Ibrisingh Panchapalli road in Jagatsinghpur, Orissa under PMGSY

5210. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ibrisingh Panchapalli road (10 Kms.) in Erasama block of Jagatsinghpur district in Orissa is laying in a dilapidated condition after super cyclone;

(b) whether Government propose to maintain the above mentioned road under PMGSY; and

(c) if so, by when the said village approach road would be made motorable?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (c) The State Government have reported that the fully black topped Ibrisingh Panchapalli road Erasama block of Jagatsinghpur district in Orissa, which was damaged during the last super cyclone, has been made motorable after repairs. The State Government have reported that this road is being maintained out of normal funds available for Maintenance and that they have included part of the said road for further improvement in the World Bank assisted Project.

(b) Maintenance of roads is not contemplated under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Watershed Development Project submitted by Gujarat State District Management Authority

5211. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State District Management Authority, Gandhinagar has submitted a Watershed Development Project to cover about 30,000 hectares of earthquake affected area of Gujarat for development to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Gujarat Government in this regard;

(c) the reasons for delay in approving the projects; and

(d) the time by when the project is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal seeking an amount of Rs.13.36 crores from Prime Minister National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for Watershed Management Project covering 34 villages was received from Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority.

(b) to (d) In consultation with Government of Gujarat, a Watershed Management/Drought Proofing Project was finalized for 300 village in Kutch and grant of Rs.70.00 crore has been sanctioned from the PMNRF. An amount of Rs.5.20 crore has been released as initial advance on 16.2.2002 for the project.

Deadlines for States to collect pending funds

5212. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of the deadline of February 28, set by the Rural Developrment Minister for States to collect their pending funds and spend them within 20 days or forget about getting the next instalment in April; and

(b) how many States adhered to this "deadline" and their names and which are the States who did not adhere to this "deadline" and what action Government proposes to take in this vital rural development sector?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) With a view to enable the States/ UTs reduce 'cuts' in releses (due to late submission of proposals), utilise more money during the year of release and thereby reducing the unspent balances, the Ministry of Rural Development advised all the State/UTs to get the funds allocated to them released, under the allocation- based programmes of the Ministry, by 28th February, 2002. The Senior Officers of the Ministry visited various States to help them formulate the proposals in time. As a result, several